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1. On 3 August 1952, [redacted] observed 50-60 single-engine planes at Krumovo airfield. On 2 August 1952, [redacted] observed two or three planes of the same type at Telish. 1 25X1
2. Dolna Mitropoliya (N 43-37, E 24-32) airfield is located approximately 400 meters south of town. [redacted] observed a single-engine plane at the southern edge of this field. 25X1
3. On the evening of 2 August 1952, [redacted] observed at the railroad station of Saranovo (N 42-13, E 24-06), a military train headed towards Sofia. The train was composed of 20-30 flat cars each of which carried a truck or an artillery piece. [redacted] there were an equal number of trucks and guns. On each car there were four to six soldiers. On 3 August 1952, [redacted] a similar train in the station of Plovdiv. The train was composed of 20-25 cars, was carrying trucks and guns and four or five soldiers were riding in each car. 25X1
4. A military barracks capable of housing 600-800 men is located in the southeastern part of Pleven, 100-150 meters from the stadium. The barracks area is approximately 400x250 meters in size and is surrounded by a barbed wire fence 1.5 meter high. Until July 1952, the barracks were occupied by an artillery unit [redacted]. The barracks area includes the following buildings: 25X1
 - a. A 2-story building, 100 x 14 meters in size, located in the northwest part of the area, housing the administrative offices and serving as a barracks for soldiers;
 - b. A 2-story building, 60 x 15 meters in size, located on the south side of the area, used as a warehouse and workshop;

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c. A shed, 100 x 10 meters in size, located in the southeast part of the area, used as a shelter for artillery pieces; and

d. A small building near the eastern entrance to the area, used by the barracks guards.

5. The barracks of the infantry regiment in Pleven are located south of the public garden near the center of town. The barracks can house approximately 1,000 men, and covers an area approximately 150 meters square consisting of the following buildings:

a. One large 2-story building, 15 x 20 meters in size, used as a barracks and warehouse; and

b. A building, 60 x 20 meters in size, housing the administrative offices.

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6. Two barracks and warehouses belonging to a quartermaster unit are located in the northeastern part of Pleven, near the factory area. These buildings cover an area of 30 stremmas² and include the following buildings:

a. A 2-story building, 80 x 10 meters in size, located on the south side of the area, used as a food warehouse;

b. A 2-story building, 60 x 10 meters in size, located next to the building described in Para. 6 a above, used as a barracks and clothing warehouse; and

c. A 2-story building, 60 x 10 meters in size, located at the southwest edge of the area, housing the administrative offices.

7. A military hospital is located in Dupnitsa, near the quartermaster camp. The hospital covers an area 150 x 80 meters in size and includes the following buildings:

a. A 2-story building, 50x15 meters in size, located on the southeast side of the hospital grounds, housing the patients' wards;

b. A 1-story building, 20 x 10 meters in size, located on the south side of the grounds, housing offices;

c. A 2-story building, located next to the one described in Para 7 b. above, housing patients' wards;

d. A 1-story building, 50 x 15 meters in size, located on the north side of the grounds, used as a medicine warehouse; and

e. A 1-story building, 50 x 15 meters in size, located on the north side of the hospital grounds, used as a warehouse.

8. The military hospital in Dupnitsa has the following medical personnel:

a. Four doctors,

b. Two female nurses; and

c. Five male nurses (soldiers)

9. The hospital of the Pleven division is located in the northeastern part of the city, on the road to Kosta Zlatarev (sic). It has approximately 100 beds, covers an area 150 x 100 meters in size, and includes the following buildings:

a. A 2-story building, 70 x 10 meters in size, located on the south side of the hospital grounds, occupied by patients;

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- b. A 2-story building, located on the northwest corner of the hospital grounds, occupied by patients; and
- c. A shed, 20 x 8 meters in size, located on the east side of the grounds, used as a warehouse and garage.
10. In May 1952, [] laborers cleaning out the old air raid shelters in Pleven and constructing new ones in the hills in the northwestern side of Pleven. 25X1
11. [] 25X1
- a. Lieutenant General Tsonyo Gavev, commanding officer of the "Khristo Botev Reserve Officers School" in Sofia; an infantry training specialist []
- b. Colonel Minkov (fnu), commander of the division in Pleven; [] 25X1
- c. Colonel Popov (fnu), quartermaster officer of the division in Pleven []
- d. Lieutenant Colonel Nankov (fnu), director of the military hospital in Dupnitsa in 1949 []
- e. Lieutenant Colonel Katsunov, officer serving in Pleven [] 25X1
- f. Major Palin (fnu), commanding officer of 39 Infantry Regiment in Nevrokop, [] 25X1
- g. Major Purvanov (fnu), director of the hospital in Pleven; graduated from the Military Academy; lives on Georgi Dimitrov Street in Pleven [] 25X1
- h. Captain Metev (fnu) [] commander of the artillery unit in Pleven; and
- i. Major Karamikhov (fnu), director of the officers club in Pleven [] 25X1
1. [] Comment: [] identified all aircraft as YAK-9s. 25X1
2. [] Comment: Thirty stremmas equal approximately 7.5 acres.

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